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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, VE

SUBJECT: GOV REACTION TO KISSINGER PRESS CLUB SPEECH

REF: STATE 24546

1. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS VALENTIN HERNANDEZ

RESPONDED TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS AT MIRAFLORES PALACE

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FEB 5, ASKING HIS OPINION ON KISSINGER PRESS CLUB SPEECH AND

QUOTE PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON FEB 5 IN WHICH HE  
BLAMED WORLD INFLATION ON THE HIGH OIL PRICES CHARGED BY  
OPEC UNQUOTE.

2. HERNANDEZ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT US GOVERNMENT IS FULL OF  
CONTRADICTORY ATTITUDES REGARDING PRICE OF OIL. ON ONE  
HAND FORD SAYS PRICE OF OPEC OIL SHOULD BE LOWERED, AND ON  
OTHER KISSINGER SAYS THAT OIL PRICES SHOULD BE KEPT HIGH.  
HERNANDEZ ADDED THAT ALL OF WORLD'S HEADS OF STATE HAVE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF TRYING TO SOLVE INFLATIONARY PROBLEMS,  
BUT OFTEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO BLAME OTHERS FOR THEM.

3. THE MINISTRY ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT VENEZUELAN OIL PRODUCTION  
WILL BE CUT BY 200,000 B/D SOON AS A RESULT OF A DECISION  
TAKEN EARLIER IN THE YEAR.

4. THE MINISTER'S REMARKS RECEIVED MINIMAL COVERAGE IN THE  
CARACAS SPANISH-LANGUAGE PRESS, WITH NONE OF THE USUAL HEAD-  
LINES. ONLY THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "DAILY JOURNAL" FEATURED  
THE REMARKS WITH PROMINENCE.

5. VARIOUS CONTACTS HAVE COMMENTED THAT KISSINGER'S SPEECH  
MUST HAVE BEEN BADLY TRANSLATED BY THE LOCAL PRESS. EMBASSY  
HAS PASSED COPIES OF WIRELESS FILE TEXT TO SENIOR MINES  
MINISTRY OFFICIALS.  
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